

REMARKS

Examiner Vilakazi and his supervisor, Mr. Stephen Cronin, are thanked for the courtesy of the personal interview with Dr. Robert P. Scaringe and the undersigned on January 22, 2010 as reflected in the Examiner's Interview Summary.

The claims, as amended above, are agreed to define over the prior art of record, most particularly, the Scofield and Yamada et al references, which do not teach or suggest the use of the adjacent ferromagnetic material that both mounts the magnets and provides flux distribution. To the extent that an aluminum flywheel as disclosed in Scofield may arguably have paramagnetism which is, at best, very weak and only exists in the presence of a magnetic field, the ferromagnetic material used in the present invention provides results neither contemplated by nor achieved with the Scofield and/or Yamada et al arrangements.

Accordingly, early and favorable action is now earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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